**Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.**—If it is to be printed by the Government it may order the publication of the Bill under Rule 29.

**President.**—When the publication is effected, leave to introduce need not be asked for, that is, the preliminary process can be dispensed with. The motion for leave has been made, and now the Bill is brought before the Council. The question before the House is whether it will not facilitate the working of the Council, if the concession of furnishing copies beforehand is extended to the members.

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—In such cases it need not be published in the Gazette.

**President.**—Is there any objection to proceed with the Bill?

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—I have already circulated the copies at my own expense, and I move for leave to introduce the Cochin Land Registration Amendment Bill.

**Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—Sir, I second it.

**President.**—Any member wishing to oppose the motion? I believe there is no opposition. The motion was put to the vote of the House and carried.

## Amendments to Standing Orders.

**President.**—The next item of business is certain amendments to the Standing Orders to be moved by Mr. K. T. Mathew.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Many of the non-official members are absent to-day, and so it is enough, if we read such amendments which the Government accept.

**Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—Even that we could not do. There are only 20 members.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—According to the Standing Orders, at least 20 members should stand up, and so only those amendments which are acceptable to the Government need be read now.

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—Amendments (4) and (5), Government do not oppose.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**—What about (3), Sir?

**President.**—It is a controversial amendment. (4) and (5) can be accepted and may be moved.

**Dr. A. G. Menon.**—A point of order, Sir. Before indicating the necessary process and deciding that such and such amendments can be accepted, should they not be published in the Gazette.

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**President.**—These are only questions concerning the procedure in the House, and therefore, there is no necessity, and besides, the rules do not provide for it.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—If the view of Dr. A. G. Menon is to be followed, I think it will have to go to a Select Committee.

**President.**— The amendment now to be considered is to amend S. O. 65 as follows:—

"*To insert the words 'and the amendment having been explained by the member introducing it' between the words 'When the motion is reached' and 'the President shall read' etc.*"

The question before the Council is whether the member has the leave of the Council to amend it as read by him. Those who are in favour of the motion please hold up their hands.

**Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—There is no opposition, and it has to be taken that it has the leave of the Council.

**President** —What has the Select Committee to do with regard to the amendments?

**Mr A. B. Salem.**—We shall appoint a Select Committee, and they may be asked to express their opinion.

**Dr. A G. Menon.**—The members who are residents of Ernakulam may be appointed as the members of the Select Committee, so that no extra expenditure need be incurred by way of their allowances. The election must be made in accordance with rules framed by Government. No rules have so far been made.

**President** —Here I am the President and the Government also. You have that advantage. No reference has to be made separately to the Government. We shall follow the usual course of proposing the members and seconding the motion which may then be put to the House. Mr. Padmanabha Menon, whom do you suggest?

**Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—I propose the names of Messrs.—M. Krishna Menon, O. R. Chummar,
George Chakyamuri, K. P. Karuppan,
A. B. Salem, and M. K. Raman.

**President.**—The names given are:—

1. Mr. M. Krishna Menon.
2. ,, O. R. Chummar.
3. ,, George Chakyamuri.
4. ,, K. P. Karuppan.
5. ,, A. B. Salem.
6. ,, K. T. Mathew, the Mover.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Sir, I second the motion.

The motion was put and carried.

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*Amendment to Standing Order No. 66.*

**President.**—The next item is the amendment to Standing Order 66, by Mr. K. T. Mathew, i. e.,

*To delete the word 'and' that stands between the words 'the Government Advocate' and 'the Secretary to the Council' and to insert the words 'and the member who introduced the amendment' between the words 'when they are members of the Council' and 'shall be members'.*

The Standing Order as it now stands is this:—'When a member has the leave of the Council to proceed, the draft amendment shall be referred to a Select Committee of which the Deputy President shall be the Chairman, and of which the Government Advocate and the Secretary to the Council (when they are members of the Council) shall be members. The remaining members, who shall be six in number, shall be elected by the Council in such manner as Government may determine'.

The Standing Order as amended reads thus:—

'When a member has the leave of the Council to proceed, the draft amendment shall be referred to a Select Committee of which the Deputy President shall be Chairman and of which the Government Advocate, the Secretary to the Council (when they are members of the Council) and the member who introduced the amendment shall be members. The remaining members, who shall be 6 in number, shall be elected by the Council in such manner as Government may determine.'

Is there any opposition to this amendment to the Standing Order?

**Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—No.

**President.**—As required by the Standing Orders, it has to be referred to a Select Committee. Somebody may name the members.

**Dr. A. G. Menon.**—I propose that it may be referred to the same Committee.

**Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Sir, I second it.

The motion was put and carried *nem con.*

**Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.**—Under Standing Order 26, I move that the consideration of items (2) and (3) in the list of amendments to Standing Orders may be postponed to the next meeting.

**Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.**—They have already been postponed.

## Resolutions on Matters of General Public Interest.

**President.**—The next item is the discussion of the unemployment problem which has been partly discussed. I think we may as well take it up. There is some time more.

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